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1. Vietnam

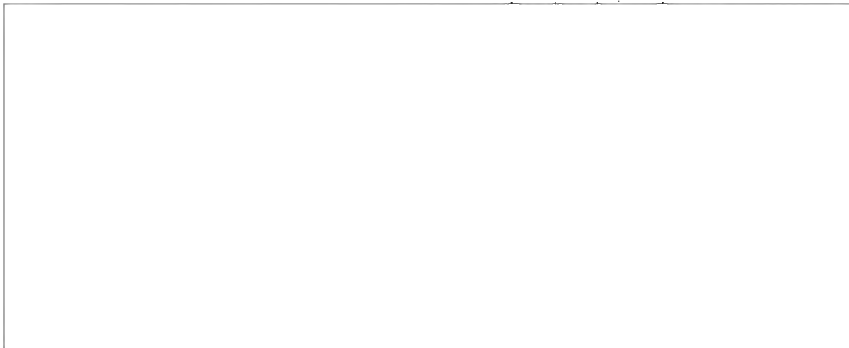
Infiltration of North Vietnamese troops into South Vietnam during the past few months has apparently been considerably higher than earlier estimates had indicated.

US officials in Saigon now carry a total of seven regular North Vietnamese regiments--with some 10,650 troops--in South Vietnam. As of 1 November, these figures were three regiments with 4,700 troops.

These increases stem mostly from information obtained from enemy prisoners captured during the recent heavy fighting.

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2. Laos



3. Pakistan

[redacted] Pakistan is receiving additional military equipment from Indonesia. This includes [redacted] a number of motor torpedo boats and amphibious tanks.

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All this equipment is Soviet-made. It is not clear whether title is to be transferred to Pakistan and, if so, whether Djakarta has obtained Moscow's approval, as required by the Indonesian-Soviet arms agreement.

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4. Indonesia

Adam Malik, anti-Communist political adviser to the army generals, seems to be emerging as the closest thing there is to an active political rival to Sukarno.

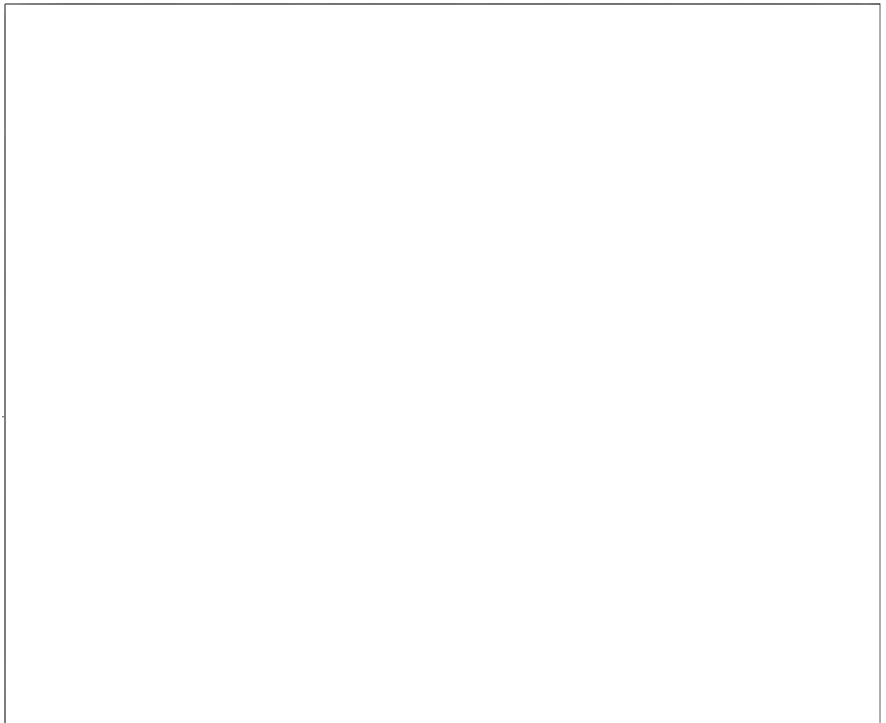
A US Embassy officer who talked with him earlier this week was impressed with Malik's apparent determination to play a major role in changing Indonesia's domestic and foreign policies. Malik conceded that the power struggle is presently stalemated but declared emphatically that the situation cannot return to what it was before 30 September.

Malik said he recognized some of the reasons for the army's hesitation but that, even so, General Nasution is "by nature inclined to wait too much." Malik declared that he intends to continue pressing very hard for decisive army action.

Late information reflects continued near defiance of Sukarno's procedural orders by the army leaders pressing on against the Communist Party.

5. Communist China

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6. Rhodesia

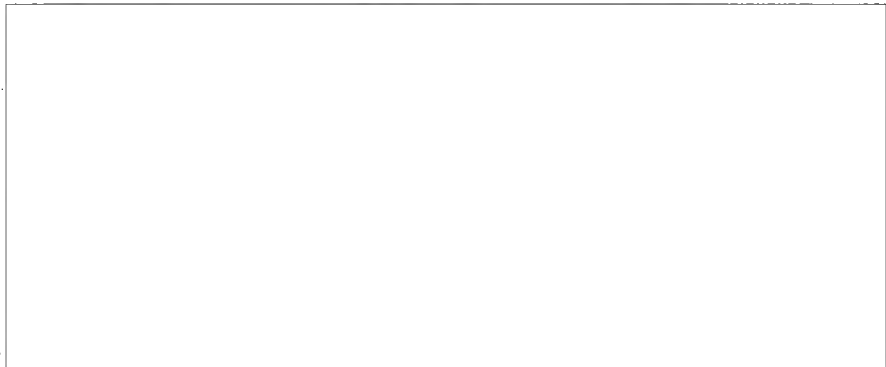
Black Rhodesians staged their first successful strike since independence yesterday when an estimated 60 percent of the workers in the southern city of Bulawayo stayed away from their jobs. Nearly all were back today, however, after employer threats to fire absentees.

Various African governments are offering to send troops to Rhodesia's northern border in Zambia in an evident effort to pressure Britain toward military involvement. 50X1



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7. West Germany



8. Brazil

[redacted] a serious rift may be developing between President Castello Branco and his war minister, General Costa e Silva.

If true, this would be bad news. Costa e Silva, Brazil's most powerful military figure, has been the main factor in keeping the hard-line military officers under control.

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9. Dominican Republic

Garcia Godoy finally removed his pro-Communist attorney general yesterday. The replacement, the moderate Gustavo Gomez Ceara, was sworn in.

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10. Guatemala

Pressures are growing among some elements in the government for a move to prolong the military regime, which is now scheduled to come to an end after elections next March. Some of this pressure results from the poor prospects of the regime's presidential candidate, another colonel, of matching the popular strength of the non-Communist opposition.

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Though the government has scored important recent successes against the long-standing guerrilla campaign, terrorist threats are still unsettling. The Communists, for their part, seem intent on pushing the authorities toward indiscriminate repressive measures in the belief that this will improve the revolutionary climate.

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